

## Today's News - August 30, 2005

U.K. streets to get more "women friendly" (we like the idea of a safe place to "have a cry if they were having a bad day"). – Beijing's quest to become a livable city. – Green architecture and climate change: "We have to act now. Time is running out." – Modern Damascus turning Old Damascus into a Disneyland for tourists. – Once restored Old City of Hebron falling back into ruins. – Debating the fate of Gaza synagogues. – A new urbanist neighborhood is "really old urbanism without the crumbling plaster and leaky pipes." – A new "neighborhood" for the deaf, hard of hearing. – A new Dubai community on a man-made hill. – California's "greenest" campus. – Pushing the boundaries of stadium engineering. – Architects as "part surgeons, part beauticians" in re-do of a Melbourne shopping center "which has not stood the test of time." – New Orleans may be in rough shape after Katrina, but there are high hopes for a new Trump tower (once again, the architect is not named). – Call for entries for NAHB Green Building Awards. – A new book examines Kahn.

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[Prescott to make streets 'women friendly': ...has backed a three-year pilot project run by the Women's Design Service \(WDS\), a charity set up by women architects and town planners.](#) - The Sunday Times (UK)

[Beijing's Quest for 2008: To Become Simply Livable: Critics...attribute current predicament to previous failed planning policies and...rampant development that has destroyed much of the historic old city while making a mess of the emerging new one.](#) - New York Times

[Climate change and green architecture: We have to act now. Time is running out.](#) - Philippine Daily Inquirer

[Modern Damascus Violates Old Damascus: Who said that the foreign tourist expects the old Damascus to be a sort of meaningless Eastern "Disney Land" or a caricature distortion of the present Islamic city?](#) By Hikmat Shatta, architect- Dar Al-Hayat (Lebanon)

[These fading facades: The Old City of Hebron, which just seven years ago was restored to its former glory, now stands neglected and vandalized...Hopefully, the Aga Khan prize judges will...launch a call to disengage from Hebron. This would add relevance to the prize and restore a bit of its traditional mission to architecture: to make the world a better place.](#) By Esther Zandberg- Ha'aretz (Israel)

[Officials-rabbis spar over Gaza synagogues](#) - United Press International (UPI)

[An old-neighborhood feel is not a thing of the past: Grandview Commons...mixed-use development is called New Urbanism, but it's really old urbanism without the crumbling plaster and leaky pipes.](#) By Whitney Gould -- Vandewalle & Associates- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Living on their own, but far from alone: Apartments cater to deaf, hard of hearing...designed by AG Architecture Inc. and John Dickinson, a special-needs architect who is deaf, of Winter & Co....](#) - Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Dubai Festival City unveils AED 1.4 billion signature Hillside Community development: 36 hectare village of Gulf Arabian-style homes on a man- made hill -- Atelier Xavier Bohl \[image\]](#) - AME Info (United Arab Emirates)

[Valley's greenest campus: University of California, Merced... aims to attain LEED silver \[for\] every major building at the university.](#) -- Skidmore, Owings & Merrill- Merced Sun-Star (California)

[New football arenas push bounds of stadium engineering \(Wall Street Journal\) -- Walter P. Moore; Peter Eisenman; HKS; Kohn, Pedersen, Fox; Thornton-Tomasetti](#) - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

[Melbourne Central renovation: ...renovation aims to restore life and logic to the shopping centre.... new architects...have assumed the status of plastic surgeons - well, perhaps part surgeon, part beautician.](#) By Norman Day -- Kisho Kurokawa, Bates Smart + McCutcheon and Hassel (1988); Ashton Raggatt MacDougall- The Age (Australia)

[The Donald signing on to Poydras project: 70-story Trump Tower to bring glitz to city's real estate market... "It's an architectural marvel"...](#) - The Times-Picayune (New Orleans)

[Call for Entries: 2006 National Green Building Awards; deadline: December 23](#) - National Association of Home Builders (NAHB)

["Louis I. Kahn: Building Art, Building Science" by Thomas Leslie: Iowa State Architecture Professor's Book Examines Influential Buildings by Kahn](#) - A Scribe

[INSIGHT: Downtown Vancouver's Last Resort: How Did "Living First" Become "Condos Only?"](#) By Trevor Boddy- ArchNewsNow

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